



Parking on Nightingale Road

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Receipt of the petition was reported to the Area Panel on 6 September 2006. The petition reads as follows: "Petition for residency parking on Nightingale Road. The cost of this service is only £25 pa and will stop all illegal parking." It is endorsed by 7 signatories.
- 1.2 A plan showing the current waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road is attached – see Appendix 1. In considering the waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road, it is important to understand something of the history of their introduction in this location.
- 1.3 Rolls Royce moved their operations from Manchester to Derby in 1908, and since then they have been firmly established on Nightingale Road. Nightingale Road is a busy link road between Osmaston Road and Osmaston Park Road, and it also forms the main spine road to this large residential area. Upon examination of the Authority's Traffic Regulation Orders - TROs, waiting restrictions prohibiting parking during the day on Nightingale Road can be dated back to as early as 1956.
- 1.4 To address the high level of on street parking taking place by Rolls Royce employees, further daytime parking prohibitions were introduced at various times throughout this area in the early 1970's. Of course, this also meant that residents were not able to park on these streets during the prescribed hours. This remained the case until 2001 when the authority carried out a major review of the restrictions in the area and concluded that most of these restrictions were out of date and unnecessarily precluded residents from parking near their homes during the day. By this time, Rolls Royce employed fewer people than they did many years ago and they also provided security patrolled car parks for their employees, which meant they no longer relied on the highway for parking. Also, during this time, a number of waiting restrictions were removed from the area, however, for a variety of reasons, particularly objections from the emergency services, it was considered inappropriate to remove the waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road.
- 1.5 Since receiving this petition, the emergency services have been consulted again to seek their views in respect of removing these restrictions. No response has been received from the Ambulance Service, however, both the Police and the Fire Services have objected to any change to the existing waiting restrictions. The views of Derbyshire Constabulary are summarised as follows:
 - Rolls Royce have approximately 30 deliveries during each day which use Nightingale Road, therefore access needs to be maintained
 - removal of the waiting restrictions would affect the shuttle bus service, insofar as affecting their ability to negotiate the speed cushions safely. The shuttle bus is usually a 26 seater and runs every 15 minutes throughout the day.

- as Rolls Royce prepare to relocate to their new premises over the next 18 – 24 months, there will be numerous large vehicle movements to remove substantial plant and machinery from the site, therefore it is imperative that they are able to access the street

The Fire Service have commented that they continue to use Nightingale Road as a quick response route. Therefore, they would not wish to see an increase in parking here at this time as it can impede their response time in an emergency.

- 1.6 The Council has to take a broad perspective when managing the City's parking and has to consider the needs of all users of the highway and not just the residents'. The Council's statutory duty as the Highway Authority is to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. Part of this involves the management of parking so as to prevent serious road safety hazards and serious congestion. The Rolls Royce factory attracts a high level of industrial traffic and an intersite shuttle bus service runs between its sites. As the primary purpose of the highway is for the passage of people and goods, the right for passage of these numerous large vehicles using Nightingale Road takes precedence over the desire to park.
- 1.7 Whilst the Authority is sympathetic to the constraints that the waiting restrictions cause to residents, residents do have a responsibility to consider their parking needs prior to renting or purchasing a property and/or a vehicle. Where motorists are reliant on roadside parking, the existing parking restrictions and the pressure for parking amongst other things must be considered. It is important to point out that most residents will have moved into their property knowing of the daytime parking prohibition and the proximity to Rolls Royce. Obviously the removal of the restrictions on the less important side streets has significantly increased the parking opportunities in general for residents of the area and their visitors.
- 1.8 The Police and Fire Authorities as statutory consultees, have provisionally objected to any change to the current waiting restrictions due to a number of legitimate accessibility concerns. Should they be formally consulted, it would be difficult to justify overriding their objections.
- 1.9 Bearing the above in mind, it would not be appropriate to consider amending the waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road to allow residents' only parking at this time. However, further consideration will be given once Rolls Royce have vacated their premises.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 That waiting restrictions are not amended at this time.
- 2.2 That a further review is carried out once Rolls Royce have vacated their premises.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Plan showing the location of the current waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road